



**Meeting Minutes of the
Parks and Community Enrichment Commission**

November 5, 2020

6:00 p.m.

City Hall – 915 I Street – Council Chambers

Open Session – 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Good at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Aguilar, Flores, Good, Guerrero, Kletzman, Lavelle, Law, Loew, Mehta, Murphy, and Rhodes

Absent: None

Public Comments-Matters Not on the Agenda

None.

Consent Calendar

1. Parks and Community Enrichment Commission Meeting Minutes

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Approve Commission meeting minutes for November 5, 2020

Contact: Maggie Le, Support Services Manager (916) 808-1040, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Action: Motion to approve Commission meeting minutes.

Moved/Seconded (Rhodes/Lavelle)

Motion carried 10-Yes 0-No 1-Abstain (Murphy)

Discussion Calendar**2. Ordinance Amending Sections 2.62.020, 2.84.050, 2.110.040 and 2.126.030 of the Sacramento City Code Relating to Youth Seats on the Parks & Community Enrichment Commission; the Sacramento Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy Commission; and the Sacramento Community Police Review Commission****Location:** Citywide**Recommendation:** 1) Review an ordinance amending sections 2.62.020, 2.84.050, 2.110.040 and 2.126.030 of the Sacramento City Code relating to youth seats on the Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment Commission; the Sacramento Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy Commission; and the Sacramento Community Police Review Commission; and 2) upon conclusion, pass Motion supporting the City Council's adoption of the ordinance.**Contact:** Claudia Jasin, Project Specialist, (916) 808-7005, Office of Councilmember Jay Schenirer

Councilmember Schenirer provided an overview on actions the City has taken to ensure young people added to the three commissions will be successful.

Naomi Piper-Pell, Vice-Chair of Sacramento Youth Commission (SYC), shared that her fellow commissioners created ad hoc committee to discuss the inclusion of youth seats in various commissions.

Councilmember Schenirer will bring the ordinance to the City Council with an implementation and recruitment plan for next year. His team plans to outreach young people through high schools and the Summer @ City Hall program.

Sheryl Patterson, Senior Duty Attorney, explained that a youth commissioner under age 18 will have the same authority as any other commissioner. The City Clerk's office and the SYC ad hoc committee will provide trainings to youth commissioners coming onboard other City commissions.

Action: Motion to support the City Council's adoption of the proposed ordinance.

Moved/Seconded (Flores/Rhodes)

Motion carried 10-Yes 0-No (Guerrero) 0-Abstain

3. Selection of Community Enrichment and YPCE Volunteer Recognition Awards**Location:** Citywide**Recommendation:** Pass a motion selecting award recipient(s) for the Volunteer Recognition Award for the Community Enrichment and YPCE Categories.**Contact:** Maggie Le, Support Services Manager (916) 808-1040, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Mario Lara, Director of Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment, mentioned that the Department recognizes recipients of the commission awards through social media outlets, public publications, and ensures that the certificates of appreciation are delivered.

Commissioner Rhodes would like the commission to clearly identify the work of the chambers versus volunteers when making the award recognitions.

Action: Motion to approve the award recipients.

Moved/Seconded (Lavelle/Mehta)
Motion carried 11-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

4. Expanded Learning Program Updates

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

Contact: Joyce Wenger-Johnson, Recreation General Supervisor, (916) 808-3849, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Joyce Wenger-Johnson, Recreation General Supervisor, showed a video of programming that happened during the pandemic over the last eight months.

Samantha Hoshida, Interim Program Supervisor, shared that when the schools shut down, the 4th R program transitioned into the Essential Worker Childcare program at eight community centers. The program served 470 K-6th graders thus far with the implementation of special events.

Joanne Marson, Program Supervisor, reported that they redesigned the Summer STEAM Camp to include safety measures. There were over 1,600 participants over the summer. Joanne mentioned that students are also participating in virtual Expanded Learning programs.

Interim Program Supervisor Samantha Hoshida and Program Supervisor Shawn Core provided an overview of 4th “R” and SAC Class Childcare Learning and Student Support programming activities.

5. Aquatics & Camp Sacramento Program Updates

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

Contact: Sjon Swanson, Recreation Superintendent, (916) 808-6049, Thomas Semeta, Camp Sacramento Supervisor, (916) 808-6098, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Thomas Semeta, Camp Sac Manager, provided details of Family Camp, Senior Camp, Day Camp, and Rental Groups. With the current pandemic, they were able to engage campers through virtual programming. Camp Sac offered campground-style cabin rentals. Thomas

shared that camp improvement projects such as removing down hazardous trees, rebuilding cabins, restrooms reinnovation, kitchen remodeling and electrical works also occurred over the summer.

Patrick Maridon, Aquatics Program Supervisor, shared some of the aquatic program challenges this summer with the current pandemic. His team followed public safety guidelines and at the same time created safety tips for the community which are posted on the department's website. Summer aquatic programs this year had reduced capacity across Rec Swim, Lap Swim, Water Aerobics, and Swim Lessons. Special events such as Doggy Dip Days and Floating Pumpkin Patch had a huge turnout. Overall, 13,754 participants were served this summer, even with 15 days closure due to poor air quality.

6. Del Rio Trail Overview

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

Contact: Jason Wiesemann, Senior Landscape Architect, (916) 808-7634, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Jason Wiesemann, Senior Landscape Architect, presented the Del Rio Trail project which is nearly 5 miles long stretching from Sutterville Road to the Meadowview-Pocket Road area. It will offer bicycle and walking transportation opportunities and connects multiple parks.

Bill Shunk, Senior Civil Engineer of Department of Public Works, stated that the trail is aligned with the Bikeway Master Plan. The trail will have a 12-foot paved path and 3-foot unpaved shoulders. Multiple street crossing improvements will be added to ensure pedestrian safety. Bill mentioned the City will acquire land from Regional Transit to include a parking lot, so residents can access the trail once they park their cars.

7. Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Director Report (Oral): Update on COVID-19 Related Impacts

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

Contact: Mario Lara, Director, (916) 808-1041, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Mario Lara, Director of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment, provided information and stated that he has been meeting with regional parks agencies weekly, but there is no significant change from the last month. The county still remains in Tier-two in the risk-level tracker.

8. Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment Director Report (Oral): Review Highlights for September

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Informational

Contact: Mario Lara, Director, (916) 808-1041, Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Raymond Constantino, Park Planning Development Services Manager, stated that the the Parks Master Plan survey closed on October 25, 2020 with about 900 participants. An update will be provided for the joint commission meeting next month. In addition, Raymond provided details of current park construction happening in various districts.

Tony Ulep, Parks Maintenance Manager, mentioned that a new arborist is working with YPCE. Furthermore, six-foot social distancing signs were added in the playgrounds. Staff will begin sweeping leaves for the season. The Wednesday at Winn Park Farmers Market will continue until end of December.

Mario Lara, Director of Youth, Parks & Community Enrichment, mentioned that YPCE is hosting a virtual run, Turkey Trot on November 21 – 29 to keep the community fit and healthy. Flyers will be sent out with more information.

Jackie Beecham, Recreation Manager, provided information that over 1,300 people participated in the drive-thru Trunk-or-Treat across six community centers. Youth staff have been creative in getting the community involved by moving events from community center to the parking lot.

Member Comments-Ideas, Questions and Meeting/Conference Reports

Commissioner Flores would like a tree planting event. He would like an opportunity to meet the new arborist. He gave kudos to Commissioner Guerrero for being an excellent advocate of his represented area. Also he gave kudos to Commissioner Mehta and Rhodes on their recent election.

Commissioner Rhodes would like an opportunity for the commissioners to attend the Youth Development Institute.

Vice Chair Lavelle has upcoming volunteering events on mulching trees, Walk to Feed the Hungry, and Canal Holiday Lights. He would like to invite anyone that would be interested to attend.

Chair Good praised Commissioner Flores on kudos to Commissioner Guerrero. She would like to put together a virtual run for Feed the Hungry, also attend Turkey Trot for a good cause. She wishes the commission, staff and the public a happy Thanksgiving.

Adjournment

Chair Good adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Junjie Yu, Administrative Analyst
Department of Youth, Parks, & Community Enrichment

Approved by:

Rita Good, Chair
Parks and Community Enrichment Commission